

**City of Bloomington
Telecommunications Council
Business Meeting – February 7th, 2012**

**Common Council Chambers
City Hall at the Showers Building
401 N. Morton St.**

I. Members Present: Eric Ost, Carl Zager, & Duane Busick

II. Public Comment

Lennon Beasley * He has finally completed editing on his 30th birthday program. It runs for about 9 hours.

*He has create several new drum shows, and seven bowling practice shows

Tom Gillespie * He is interested in broadband communication. He works online, and has worked from every national park over the last two years as long as the lodge has had Wi-Fi.

*In terms of Bloomington, what does it know about what people do with telecommunications and how they work.

*His dream for Bloomington is being the first Wi-Fi city in the US.

*This community would really support a Wi-Fi for the city.

Duane – Shared and read the council's proposal. Mr. Gillespie was encouraged to be one of the volunteers that serve on this communication group.

II. Approval of Minutes:

December minutes: Carl motioned to accept the December minutes. Duane seconded motion. In the discussion, Eric mentioned that he had found several typos, and grammatical errors, which has been a re-occurring problem. He asked the council how they thought this problem should be dealt with. Carl suggested that Eric correct the errors and give them to the clerk to be changed for the final copy. Minutes could be passed with these concerns noted. Question was called and all approved.

January minutes: Carl motioned to accept the January minutes. Eric seconded the motion. In the discussion, there was a change to the first bullet point. It should actually be two separate bullet points. Again, Carl suggested Eric correcting the mistake and give to the clerk. Question was called and approved.

Eric also mentioned the two vacancies on the council, and encouraged anyone interested to apply.

IV. Reports and Announcements

1. Telecom Members:

Duane – Questioned if anything else has been brought up on House Bill 1087. Had there been any additional amendments?

Eric – This bill was an attempt to do away with franchise fees for the video service providers in the State of Indiana. It ended up being attached to a bill about the 911 calls being charged for.

2. CATS – Michael White

*provided the January report, and a short yearly report. Both reports may look a little different. We've shortened the reports to only reflect those items that change each month.

January Report

*several PSA were created and used at the quiz bowl this year.

*We've moved from Final Cut Pro to Avid Media Composer for in house post. Patrons are still using I-Movie.

*Some of the PSA created will be entered into contest, and we hope to wins some awards.

Annual Report

*Channels are running at capacity

*Staff running at capacity

*Governmental meetings up 7 to 9%, community programming down about 7 to 9%, patrons programs up a little.

*Won 6 hometown awards

*Installed a sling box

*Have brought 4 part-time people, into full-time status.

*First paragraph of Annual Report was read to the council.

*At last meeting, there was a question about the VSP AT&T. I contacted Rick Dietz thru email. He responded back that they would be meeting with AT&T at the end of February. AT&T is looking at how they can tie into the PEG channels.

3. WTIU –No Report

V. Information from or about Video Service Provider – No Report

VI. Old Business

1. Taskforce Study Group

Carl – If there is anyone in the community who is interested in serving or participating on this taskforce study group to contact us thru the city's information/technology department here at the Showers building. Rick Dietz office address, phone, and email were given. Carl also gave out his email address as well. Duane offered to begin a face book page.

2. AT&T Meeting

Carl - We've heard from CATS about a meeting planned with AT&T to discuss the PEG channels. This council hasn't heard anything about this meeting or the negotiations. I move that we ask the city to give us a report on the progress of the PEG situation relative to the coverage by the video service provider.

Duane – seconded the motion.

Eric – We have received sporadic communication but nothing official in regards to the status of this negotiation between AT&T and the City of Bloomington. I would even go further too even request that a member of this council be party to that meeting if that is feasible.

Question was called. All were in favor of the motion.

VII. New Business

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Eric that the meeting be adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting

March 6th, 2012

Common Council Chambers in City Hall at the Showers Building
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